

SUMMER PROGRAM PROPOSAL - 1971

INTERNATIONAL Y.M.C.A.

The International Y.M.C.A. has operated the summer Alley Program for the past two years in the area of Mile End West. The program makes use of the back alleys and lanes of the area as program centres.

For the summer of 1970, the program was especially successful. Throughout the two months of operation, some 700 - 1000 children were involved in the activities which included sports, excursions, and arts & crafts. By the arts & crafts staff moving among the alleys each day, most of the children became skilled in one aspect of crafts by the end of the summer.

This year, a 750 acre farm has been donated for our use for an extended camping version of the Alley Program. We are not required to pay any fees for the use of the land. A small waterfront and farmhouse for workshops are available as well.

This camping experience will undoubtedly prove to be extremely valuable to these inner city children. Last summer, we were able to provide one two-day camping trip. The children considered it as the peak of the summer experience and all through the winter they talked about "camp" and asked if we would be able to return this summer.

It is evident from this response and by looking at the 'play areas' where these children spend most of their time during the warm months, that it is essential for inner city children to be exposed to the open spaces and facilities that the country can offer. Most of them have

rarely been outside of the immediate surroundings of Mile End West and their perceptions of the world end there as well.

With the anticipated funds, we will employ ten counsellors and three specialized arts & crafts instructors. These workers will be hired from the local high schools and universities, and, as such, they will develop leadership skills that will remain in the community.

For these reasons, it is important for the Federal and Municipal governments to take a serious look at the needs that the children in this community exhibit, and meet with us to discuss the enclosed budget.

BUDGET:Staff

10 counsellors at \$600 ea.....\$6,000
1 supervisor at \$650.....\$ 650
3 arts & crafts instructors at \$600 ea.....\$1,800

Equipment.....\$ 500

Transportation
(buses to and from).....\$3,200

Training, administration
and general overhead at 8%.....\$ 972

total \$13,122